

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:)	
ALEXANDER E. JONES,)	Chapter 11
Debtor.)	Case No. 22-33553 (CML)
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**NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE OF AKIN GUMP
STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP AS COUNSEL TO
THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS**

1. Pursuant to the *Order Authorizing the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Alexander E. Jones to Retain and Employ Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP as Counsel, Effective as of December 19, 2022* [Docket No. 157] (the “Retention Order”),¹ Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (“Akin”), as counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”), submits this notice of rate increase.

2. As set forth in the Application, Akin’s hourly rates are subject to periodic adjustments (typically on January 1 of each year) to reflect economic and other conditions. *See* Application, ¶ 17. The Committee has consented to such ordinary course rate increases. *See* Application, *Declaration of Leonard Pozner and Robert Parker in Support of the Application of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Alexander E. Jones to Retain and Employ Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP as Counsel, Effective as of December 19, 2022*, ¶ 5.

3. Paragraph 5 of the Retention Order provides that Akin shall provide ten (10) business days’ notice to the Debtors and the U.S. Trustee before any increases in the rates set forth in the Application are implemented and shall file such notice with the Court.

¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Retention Order.

4. In the ordinary course, Akin has adjusted the hourly rates charged by its professionals and paraprofessionals. Effective as of January 1, 2024, the standard hourly rate ranges established by Akin for professionals and paraprofessionals employed in its domestic offices are as set forth below:

Title	2024 Billing Rate Range
Partners	\$1,440-\$2,195
Senior Counsel	\$1,055-\$1,800
Counsel	\$1,295-\$1,825
Associates	\$840-\$1,350
Paralegals	\$255-\$530

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Dated: December 5, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on December 5, 2023, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

/s/ Marty L. Brimmage, Jr.

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